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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 5048

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FOR AMBASSADOR MCHENRY FROM AMBASSADOR GOHEEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: MEETING OF AMBASSADOR WITH NUJOMA

REF: SECTO 3083

1. I MET WITH SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA AND HIS SECRETARY NAU-
YALA THIS MORNING TO CONVEY YOUR ORAL MESSAGE CAUTIONING
AGAINST PREMATURE PUBLIC STATEMENTS. THEY RECEIVED ME CORD-
IALLY, AND NUJOMA CONCLUDED OUR MEETING BY EXPRESSING HIS
OWN AND HIS PARTY'S APPRECIATION FOR THE POSITION PRESIDENT
CARTER HAS TAKEN ON SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUES.

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2. ON THE SPECIFIC CONCERN RISING OUT OF RECENT PRESS REPORTS,
NUJOMA SAID THAT HE HAS AS YET MADE NO PRESS STATEMENT HERE
AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT ATTACH ANY WEIGHT TO "SPECULATIONS
OF THE PRESS". HE ASSURED ME THAT SWAPO INTENDS TO STUDY THE
REVISED PROPOSALS CAREFULLY AND ONLY THEN WILL IT MAKE A FOR-
MAL RESPONSE.

3. THERE FOLLOWS THE RELEVANT PORTION OF A SPEECH HE MADE IN DELHI YESTERDAY AT THE INDIA CENTER FOR AFRICA WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS THE ONLY PUBLIC STATEMENT HE HAS MADE HERE.

QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE, ON THE BEHALF OF SWAPO AND THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE THAT SWAPO REMAINS READY AND WILLING TO TAKE PART IN ANY GENUINE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND PROCESS LEADING TO FREE, FAIR, GENUINE AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS. BUT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HOSTILITY PREVAILS TODAY IN NAMIBIA AS A RESULT OF THE WAR OF LIBERATION, SWAPO BELIEVES AND MAINTAINS THAT A CLIMATE OF PEACE SHOULD, FIRST AND FOREMOST, BE CREATED IF A TRULY DEMOCRATIC PROCESS TO LEAD TO FREE, FAIR, GENUINE AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IS TO TAKE PLACE.

IN THIS DIRECTION, SWAPO CONSIDERS THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AS VERY IMPORTANT AND VITAL; AND WHICH SHOULD BE ADHERENTLY FOLLOWED AND MET:

- A) COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA;
 - B) ACCEPTANCE AND RESPECT BY SOUTH AFRICA OF NAMIBIA'S TERRITORY INTEGRITY AS ONE POLITICAL ENTITY;
 - C) RELEASE OF ALL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD BY SOUTH AFRICA;
 - D) ACCEPTANCE AND FACILITATION BY SOUTH AFRICA OF AN EFFECTIVE
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TIVE UN TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION DURING THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND ELECTIONS.

IN ABSENCE OF A GENUINE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT SWAPO IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY THE ARMED LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN NAMIBIA WITH A CLEAR VIEW TO LIQUIDATE THE REMNANTS OF RACIST SOUTH AFRICA'S COLONIAL AND REPRESSIVE INSTITUTIONS FROM NAMIBIA INCLUDING WALVIS BAY; AND TO CREATE A PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD PUT AN END, ONCE AND FOR ALL, TO THE EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN IN NAMIBIA. UNQUOTE

4. NUJOMA IS TO HAVE A PRESS LUNCHEON TODAY. HE SPECIFICALLY INVITED ME TO HAVE OUR PRESS ATTACHE ATTEND. THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE BUT WE SHALL GET A REPORT ON THE MEETING.

5. NUJOMA IS PLANNING TO GO TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOLLOWING A STOP IN BAGHDAD AND POSSIBLY OTHERS IN DAMASCUS, THE ARABIAN EMIRATES, AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. (I GATHER THAT ALL ARRANGEMENTS ARE STILL INDEFINITE EXCEPT FOR THE STOP IN BAGHDAD.) WE PROVIDED AMERICAN VISAS FOR HIM AND NAUYALA THIS MORNING.

GOHEEN UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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